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1. [] In company with Dean Sharp, of the Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly Legislation staff, I met with Jim Boyd, in the office of Senator Thomas J. Dodd, and discussed the subject of Soviet activities in the insurance and reinsurance field. Mr. Sharp had submitted to Mr. Boyd a short report referring to his contacts with the State Department and others (no reference to CIA) and his conclusion was that there was insufficient basis for any Subcommittee investigation of this subject at this time, that the firms concerned, while owned by the Soviet government, were conducting business in this field in essentially the same manner as any other company. I told Mr. Boyd that I had discussed this at length with our people and that we had provided Mr. Sharp with information on the organization and financial capitalization of these companies. However, it did not appear that an investigation into this field would serve any useful purpose. Mr. Boyd agreed with this conclusion, however, all parties have indicated that they will keep this matter in mind in the event future developments might change the situation.

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2. [] Picked up from Senator Saltonstall a copy of a letter from the W. W. Norton Company to Representative Leslie Arends concerning the forthcoming publication of the book "The Bay of Pigs." This was immediately sent to the Director.

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3. [] Picked up from Jay Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, a translation of a letter from [] to Senator Eastland.

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